CHAPTER 8
ANYWAY

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CHIEF!
OH, IT'S YOU

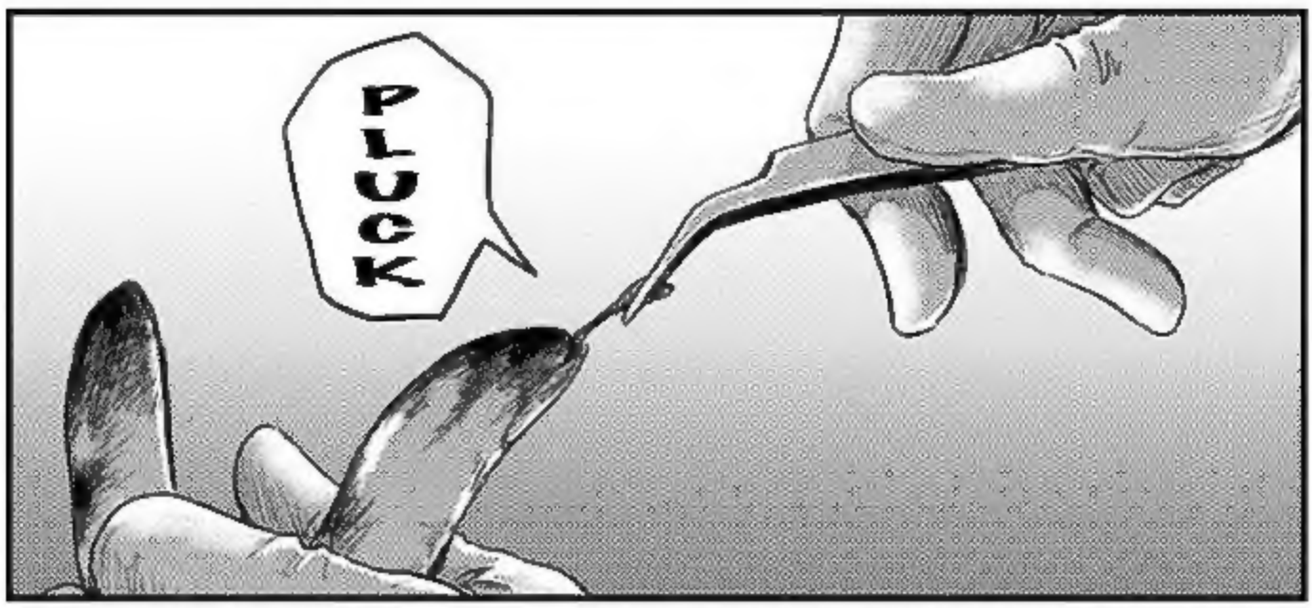
WE'VE FOUND FOOTPRINTS FROM THE STAIRS THAT LEAD INTO THE MOUNTAIN PATH
WE'VE ALSO DISCOVERED THAT HARUNO MASATO'S CAR KEYS AND CAR HAVE BOTH GONE

HOW ARE THINGS GOING?

SHE'S GETTING HER PHOTOS DONE

HER PHOTOS?

WHERE'S IGA-RASHI?
WAS ANYBODY INJUR-ED?
FORTU-NATELY, NO


PLUCK

THIS ONE PIECE OF DNA CAN FINALLY TELL US WHO END IS

OUT-DONE?

YOU WERE EVEN ABLE TO GET THE SUSPECT'S FLESH
YOU'VE REALLY OUTDONE YOUR-SELF

CAN I EVEN FEEL SATISFIED WITH MYSELF WITHOUT CATCHING THE SUSPECT?

ACK-
WHAT HOUSES HAVE YOU GUYS YET TO VISIT?

LET'S DO AN ON-THE-SPOT INVESTIGATION WHILE YOUR MEMORIES ARE STILL FRESH
OKAY ...

IGARASHI!
LEAVE THAT TO THE OTHERS FOR NOW

CHIEF!

OH...ABOUT THAT, HE DECIDED TO GO AFTER END
BY THE WAY, WHERE'S HARUNO TAJI?

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WE HAVE NEWS OF A SUSPECT BEING APPREHENDED WHILE ONE OF OUR OFFICERS WAS ON PATROL!

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HARUNO -SAN!
WE APPRE- CIATE YOUR WORK
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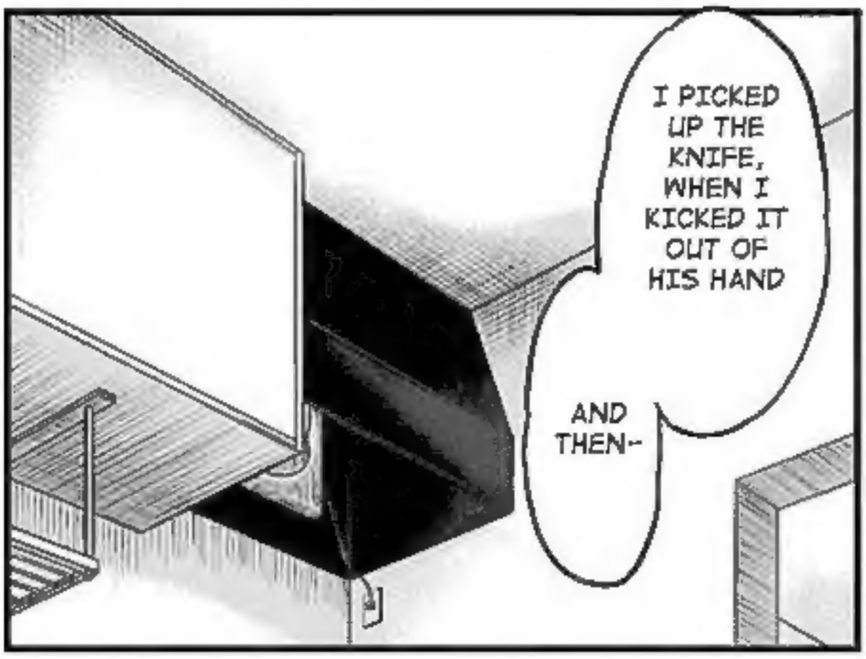
WE'RE CURRENTLY CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION INSIDE YOUR APARTMENT
SO PLEASE COME INSIDE TO ASSIST US

NO PROBLEM
WE'LL START THIS ONE BY ONE, INCLUDING IGARASHI
WE'LL ALSO BRING IN THE CHILD, ONCE HIS MOTHER COMES


I PICKED UP THE KNIFE, WHEN I KICKED IT OUT OF HIS HAND
AND THEN--

I ALSO WENT OUTSIDE ATTHE SAME TIME AS HIM
OKAY, LET'S HEAD OUTSIDE NOW
I WAS ENGAGED IN A STRUGGLE OVER THERE AND FELL DOWN
YOU HAD A STRUGGLE WITH THE MASKED MAN?
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HUH? NO!
I HAD A STRUGGLE WITH ...
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THE DETECTIVE ...

COULD THERE BE ANYTHING ELSE THAT YOU HAVE FORGOTTON TO MENTION?
HMM ...
ANYTHING YOU CONSIDER TO BE OF LITTLE USE CAN STILL BE SOMETHING THAT WE CAN USE

IN THE REASONING BEHIND WHY YOU THINK THAT THE MASKED MAN WAS END
BESIDES THE FACT THAT HE HAD CALLED HIMSELF SO, WAS THERE ANY OTHER REASON WHY YOU SUSPECTED HIM TO BE END?
WELL

HE SAID THAT HE WAS WEARING GLASSES
GLASSES? WHO?
HE TOLD ME THAT THE BOSS' CORPSE HAD BEEN DISCOVERED WITH HIS GLASSES REMAINING ON HIS FACE

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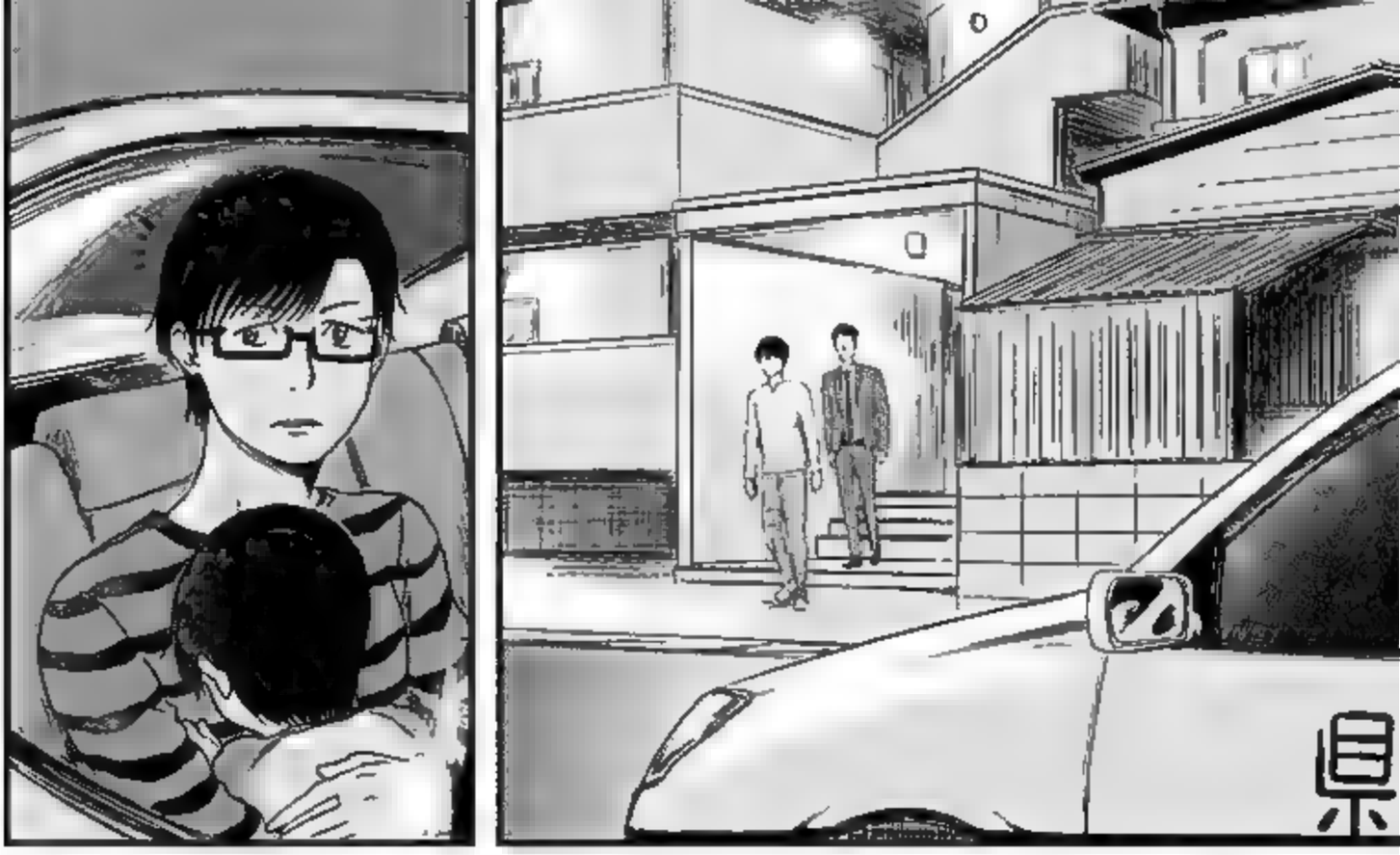
DID THE BOSS REALLY HAVE HIS GLASSES ON?

HE HAD TOLD ME TO CONFIRM THIS INFORMATION WITH THE POLICE TO KNOW WHETHER OR NOT HE WAS TRULY END

WITH ONLY THE CULPRIT, REPORTER OF THE CORPSE, AND THE POLICE KNOWING THIS FACT

WHAT ELSE DID HE SAY?

AFTER THAT …



CHIEF!

WAIT, IGARA-SHI!
TAKE CARE
I'LL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE WITH THIS TOMOR-ROW
I'M GOING TO GET BACK TO WORK NOW

HARUNO?
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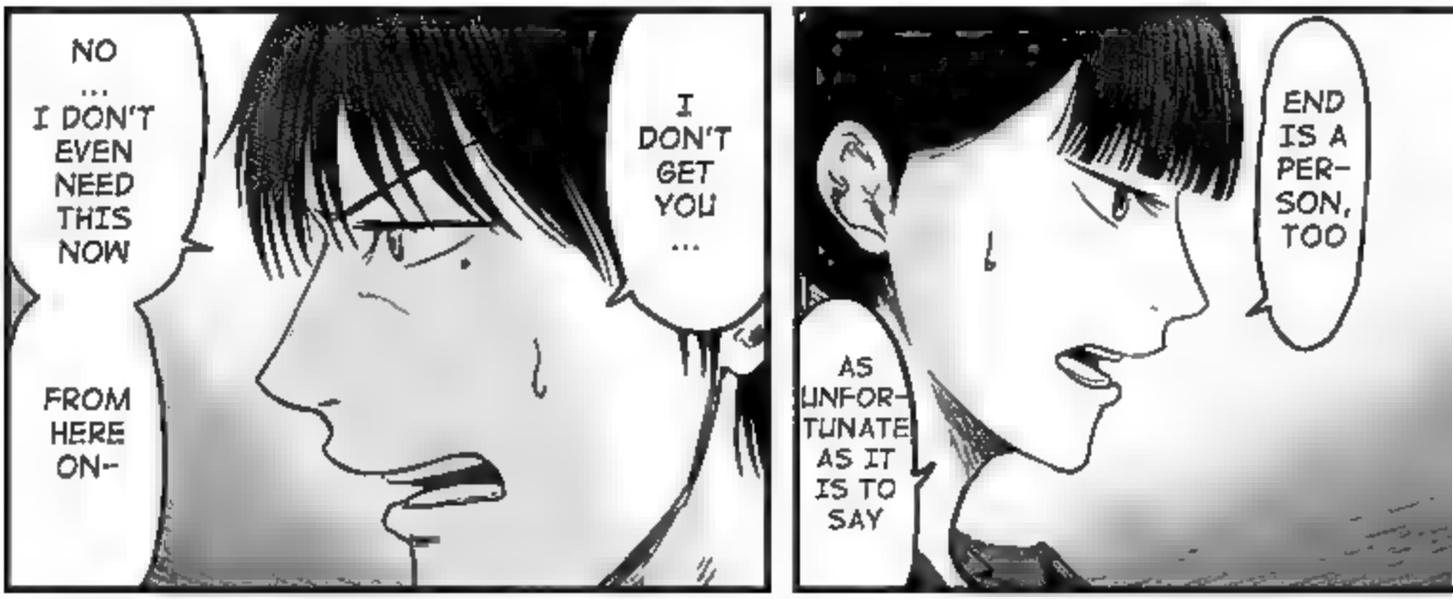
WHY DID YOU GET IN MY WAY BACK THEN?

HUH?
SO WHAT?
ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT YOU WANTED TO SAVE END?

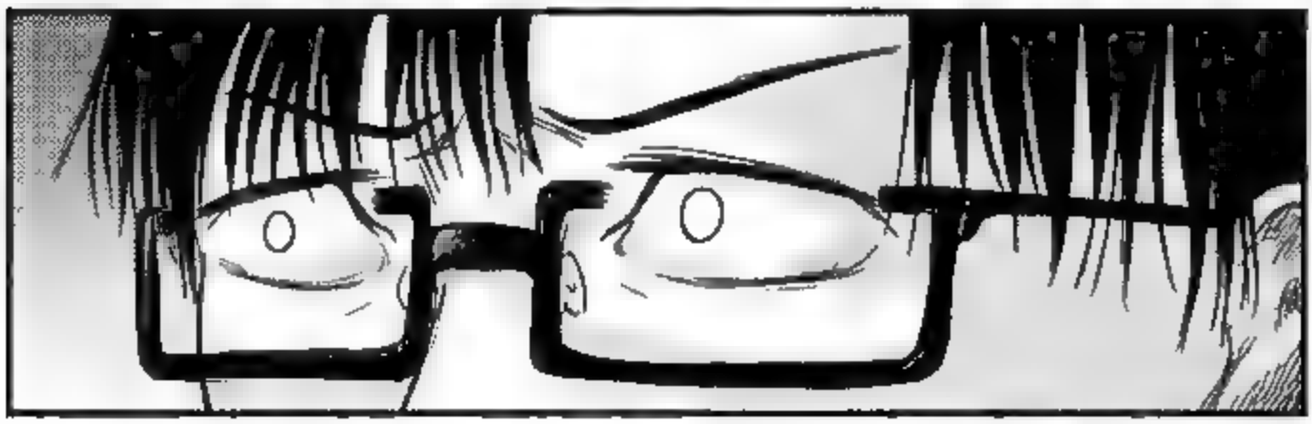
BECAUSE YOU WERE READY TO KILL HIM

EVEN IF THAT PERSON HAPPENS TO BE END?
SOME-BODY?
YOU'RE WRONG ABOUT THAT
IT'S BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO KILL SOMEBODY, HARUNO -SAN


NO ... I DON'T EVEN NEED THIS NOW
FROM HERE ON-
I DON'T GET YOU ...
END IS A PER-SON, TOO
AS UNFOR-TUNATE AS IT IS TO SAY

WHILE IT IS A HIGH POSSIBILI TY THAT HE COULD RE-
IF THAT'S THE CASE
WHAT DOES IT MATTER IF HE'S GOING TO GET THE DEATH PENALTY, ANYWAY
END WILL DEFINITELY BE JUDGED APPRO-PRIATELY BY THE LAW

THEN LET ME BE HIS EXECUT-IONER!



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MY SON, AND YOUR NEPHEW

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YUUTA WAS JUST TAKEN AS A HOSTAGE
AND DESPITE THAT, YOU'RE STILL BEING SO RECKLESS WITH YOUR LIFE!

HE WAS GOING TO KILL ALL OF US BACK THERE
WE HAVE TO FIND HIM WHILE WE HAVE THE CHANCE

MUMMY!

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HARUNO -SAN

YUUTA

DUE TO US NEEDING TO DO A THOROUGH INSPECTION HERE TODAY, WE'RE HOPING THAT YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO GO SOMEWHERE ELSE TO STAY AT TONIGHT
DO YOU HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO?
UHH ... WELL ...
I GUESS I CAN STAY AT THE OFFICE

WE'LL ALSO LOOK INTO YOUR MISSING CAR, HARUNO MASATO-SAN
WE WILL BE NEEDING A FEW DETAILS TO HELP US IN FINDING IT

HOW DID YOUR CHECK-UP GO?

AOI -CHAN
BROTHER

I HAD HEARD FROM THE DETECTIVE THAT YOU WERE FINE
BUT IS YOUR CHEEK REALLY FINE?
I SHOULD KNOW THE RESULTS BY NEXT WEEK, AT THE EARLIEST
I SEE ...

YEAH, IT'S FINE

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IGARASHI WAS RAISED IN AN ORPAHN-AGE
WITH HER BROTHER BEING HER ONLY REMAIN-ING BLOOD RELATIVE
EVEN THEN, THERE WERE DOUBTS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEY REALLY WERE

ANYWAY, YOU COULD SAY THAT HER WEAKNESS WAS HER AFFECTION TOWARDS HER SIBLING
SHE WAS ABLE TO FORTUNATELY RECOVER FROM HIS DEATH

WE ARE MERELY THE GUARDS WHO UPHOLD ANY GIVEN VERSION OF THE CURRENT LAW
WE, THE POLICE, ARE NOT THE ALLIES OF JUSTICE

WOULD YOU STILL SAY THAT, EVEN IF THERE ARE MORE VICTIMS TO COME FROM THIS BECAUSE OF THAT!?

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I'D SAY THAT IGARASHI MADE THE RIGHT MOVE IN STOPPING YOU

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I WOULD STILL BELIEVE SO
HA HA
I BELIEVE THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE WORLD AGREE WITH ME
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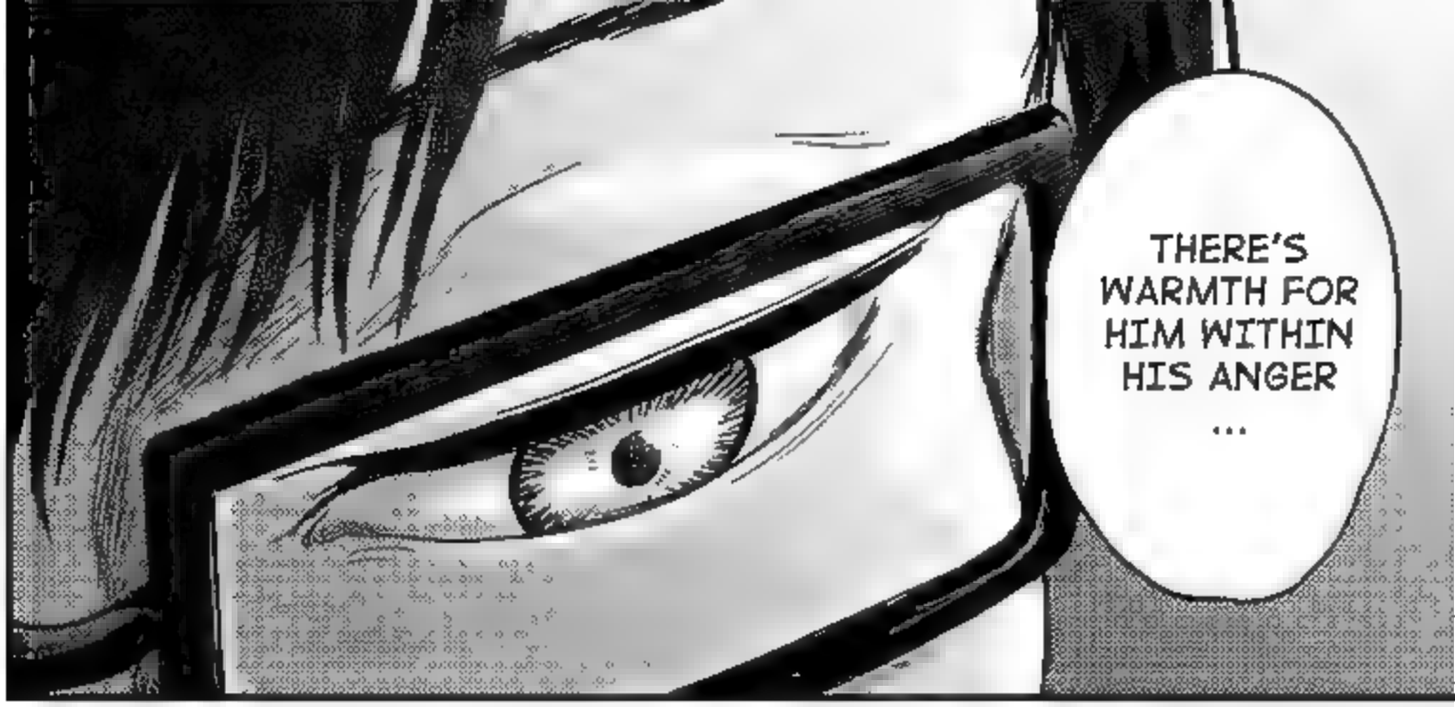
LIKE 'THAT'?
MY BROTHER'S ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT FOR SUCH A LONG TIME ...


THERE'S WARMTH FOR HIM WITHIN HIS ANGER
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HE HAD CHOSEN THAT AS A WAY TO RECEIVE THE WARMTH THAT HE COULDN'T GET FROM LOVE

I WONDER WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO
...
IT'S ALMOST MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY
...

SIGH
CALLER. YANAGIME YUUKA
柳女 優香
HMM?
I SEE
I'M DOING
FINE
HARUNO
-SAN? I SAW
WHAT
HAPPENED
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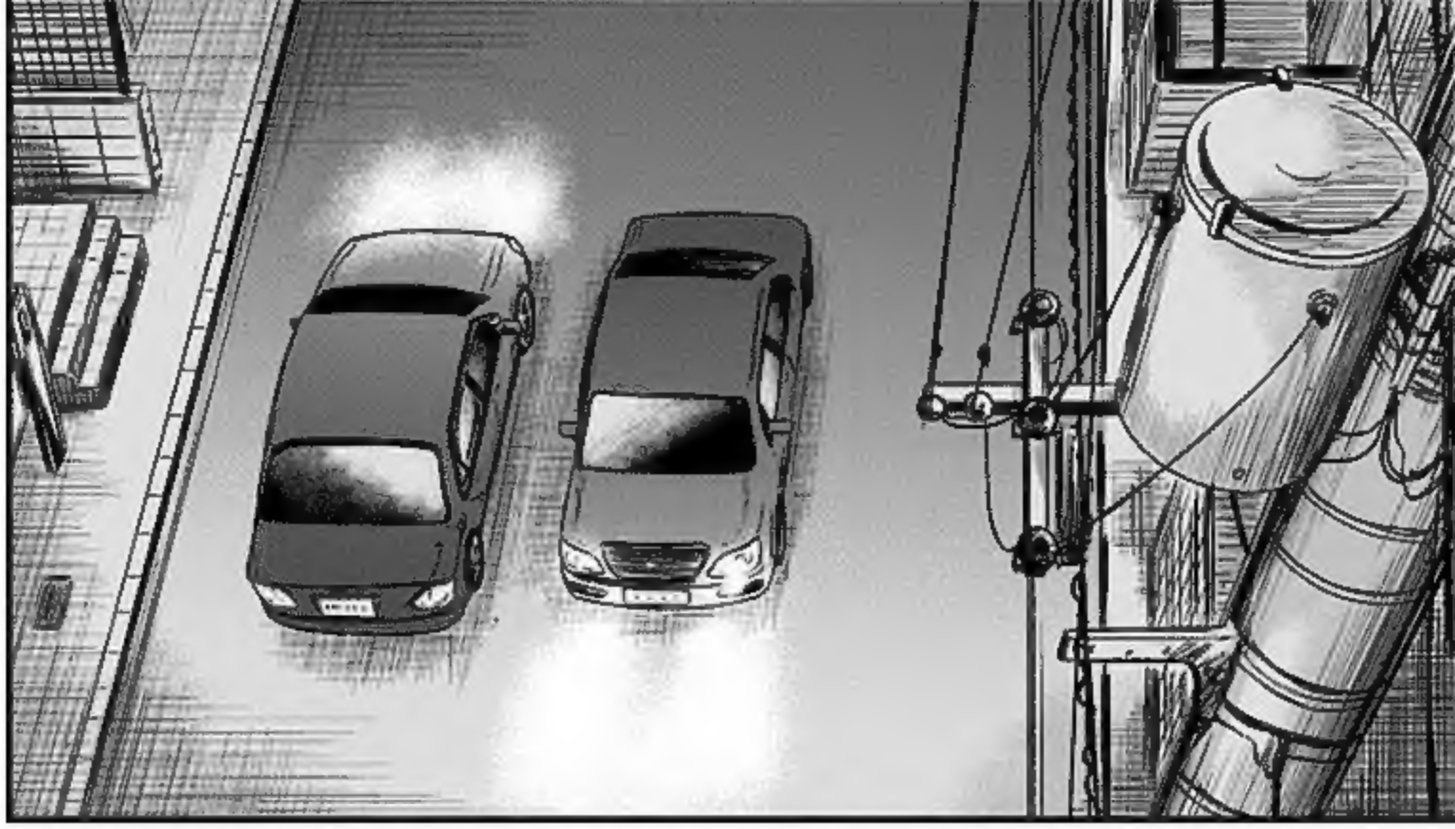

IT'S CLEAR TO US NOW THAT THIS WASN'T A RANDOM CRIME
LET'S STAY ON GUARD FOR ANY MORE CLUES
UNDER-STOOD!

IGARASHI ?
I'M READY TO WORK!

HMM?

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GO AND REST! THERE'S ALWAYS TOMORROW
WHAT ARE YOU DOING BACK HERE!? DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO GO HOME AND GET SOME REST?
YOU DID, SIR, BUT I CAN-

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DAMN IT!

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ROUTE END

PECKHAM SCANLATIONS

IT FEELS GOOD TO BE WORKING ON THIS AGAIN AFTER THE LAST VOLUME. I'M HOPING TO RELEASE A NEW CHAPTER EVERY WEEK AT THE EARLIEST, AND A MONTH AT THE MOST.

ANYHOW, PLEASE CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE UPCOMING CHAPTERS!

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